

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-EXAMINING  
GROUP 2627

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :  
Kenji KATO et al. :  
Appln. No. 09/582,903 : Art Unit: 2627  
Filed: August 11, 2000 : Examiner: Tan X. Dinh  
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD :  
HAVING TAPERED HOLE FOR :  
GUIDING LIGHT BEAM :  
(As Amended) : Docket No. S004-4034

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND REQUIRED EXTENSION FEE

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Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated January 2, 2009 and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on May 2, 2009. This is an extension request for replying to the January 2 Office Action within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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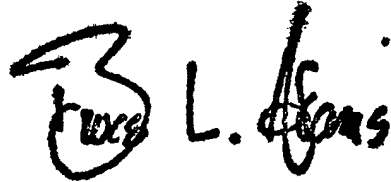
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The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the January 2 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

Payment in the amount \$130 is enclosed herewith to cover the required fee. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

Respectfully submitted,

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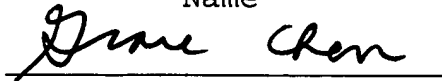
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